

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re Flint Water Cases 16-10444

/ The Hon. Judith E. Levy
United States District Judge

Bellwether III Case No. 17-10164

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**NOTICE OF OBJECTION
TO DESIGNATIONS OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

Pursuant to the Court’s December 19, 2019 Confidentiality Order [Case No. 16-cv-10444, ECF No. 299],¹ Plaintiffs challenge the designations of the following documents previously produced by the Veolia Defendants (“Veolia”), each of which has been designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – FOR ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY:

1. VWNAOS002343
2. VWNAOS018579
3. VWNAOS014953-VWNAOS014954
4. VWNAOS042178-VWNAOS042190
5. VWNAOS0042190-VWNAOS042194
6. VWNAOS042195-VWNAOS042200

¹*See also* Fifth Amended Case Management Order [Case No. 16-cv-10444, ECF No. 1255-3].

7. VWNAOS042201-VWNAOS042206
8. VWNAOS042207-VWNAOS042212
9. VWNAOS042250-VWNAOS042254
10. VWNAOS042519-VWNAOS042524
11. VWNAOS042525-VWNAOS042530
12. VWNAOS042559-VWNAOS042564
13. VWNAOS255827-VWNAOS2558363
14. VWNAOS255837-VWNAOS2558464
15. VWNAOS255847-VWNAOS2558575
16. VWNAOS520031-VWNAOS521985
17. VWNAOS525459-VWNAOS525461
18. VWNAOS525515-VWNAOS525518
19. VWNAOS551521-VWNAOS551525
20. VWNAOS554030-VWNAOS554030.0003
21. VWNAOS554037-VWNAOS554037.0002
22. VWNASO554040-VWNASO554040.0002
23. VWNAOS563229-VWNAOS563237
24. VWNAOS225484-VWNAOS225502
25. VWNAOS255515
26. VWNAOS321906

27.VWNAOS135456-VWNAOS135458

28.VWNAOS554020-VWNAOS554020.2132

Plaintiffs informed Veolia of their formal challenge to these designations on August 18, 2023 via email.²

Veolia has not acknowledged the correspondence.

Plaintiffs further challenge the designations of the following documents previously produced by the Veolia Defendants (“Veolia”), each of which has been designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY:

1. VWNAOS550027-VWNAOS550027.0002
2. VWNAOS549957-VWNAOS549957.0001
3. VWNAOS550138-VWNAOS550138.0001
4. VWNAOS550137-VWNAOS550137.0001
5. VWNAOS550108-VWNAOS550108.0001
6. VWNAOS557380-VWNAOS557380.0001
7. VWNAOS550092-VWNAOS550092.0001
8. VWNAOS528138-VWNAOS528138.0016
9. VWNAOS528136-VWNAOS528136.0016

²August 18, 2023 correspondence to Veolia (Challenge to Confidentiality Designations), attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.

10.VWNAOS551532
11.VWNAOS551534
12.VWNAOS551527
13.VWNAOS531835
14.VWNAOS529095
15.VWNAOS551868
16.VWNAOS543943-VWNAOS543949
17.VWNAOS543936-VWNAOS543942
18.VWNAOS180915-VWNAOS180926
19.VWNAOS264429-VWNAOS264440
20.VWNAOS264463-VWNAOS264479
21.VWNAOS264443-VWNAOS264459
22.VWNAOS264613-VWNAOS264629
23.VWNAOS264631-VWNAOS264647
24.VWNAOS522427
25.VWNAOS271749
26.VWNAOS521990
27.VWNAOS560764-VWNAOS560875
28.VWNAOS522063-VWNAOS522066
29.VWNAOS425308-VWNAOS425309

30.VWNAOS522059-VWNAOS522062

31.VWNAOS045031-VWNAOS045034

32.VWNAOS425312-VWNAOS425313

33.VWNAOS560584-VWNAOS560704

34.VWNAOS560484-VWNAOS560583

35.VWNAOS045037-VWNAOS045040

36.VWNAOS560331-VWNAOS560386

37.VWNAOS560074-VWNAOS560187

Plaintiffs informed Veolia of their formal challenge to these designations on August 21, 2023 via email.³

Veolia has not acknowledged the correspondence.

Plaintiffs further challenge the designations of the following documents previously produced by the Veolia Defendants (“Veolia”), each of which has been designated CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY:

1. VWNAOS090879

2. VWNAOS090880

³August 21, 2023 correspondence to Veolia (Challenge to Confidentiality Designations), attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.

3. VWNAOS091122-

VWNAOS091122.0001

4. VWNAOS091131

5. VWNAOS091135-

VWNAOS091135.0001

6. VWNAOS091138-

VWNAOS091138.0001

7. VWNAOS091147-

VWNAOS091147.0001

8. VWNAOS091148-

VWNAOS091148.0001

9. VWNAOS091152-

VWNAOS091152.0005

10.VWNAOS091607

11.VWNAOS091866

12.VWNAOS091867

13.VWNAOS091870

14.VWNAOS091872

15.VWNAOS091873

16.VWNAOS091874-

VWNAOS091874.0001

17.VWNAOS160674-

VWNAOS160674.0001

18.VWNAOS160675-

VWNAOS160675.0001

19.VWNAOS164699

20.VWNAOS164700

21.VWNAOS164814-

VWNAOS164814.0004

22.VWNAOS164938

23.VWNAOS164939-

VWNAOS164939.0001

24.VWNAOS164944

25.VWNAOS164945-

VWNAOS164945.0001

26.VWNAOS164946

27.VWNAOS164947

28.VWNAOS164952-

VWNAOS164952.0001

29.VWNAOS164954

30.VWNAOS164961-

VWNAOS164961.0001

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VWNAOS164979.0001

33.VWNAOS164980-

VWNAOS164980.0001

34.VWNAOS164985-

VWNAOS164985.0005

35.VWNAOS165446

36.VWNAOS165705

37.VWNAOS165706

38.VWNAOS165710

39.VWNAOS165711

40.VWNAOS165712

41.VWNAOS165713

42.VWNAOS165717-

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43.VWNAOS522183-

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46.VWNAOS523100-

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VWNAOS523102.0002

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VWNAOS523105.0002

49.VWNAOS523108-

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65.VWNAOS536974-

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68.VWNAOS538774

69.VWNAOS539712-

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72.VWNAOS544108-

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73.VWNAOS552629

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75.VWNAOS552896-

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VWNAOS555567.0001

201. VWNAOS555568

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VWNAOS555573.0002

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204. VWNAOS555581-

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206. VWNAOS555594-

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232. VWNAOS555806-

VWNAOS555806.0001

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235. VWNAOS555848-

VWNAOS555848.0001

236. VWNAOS555848-

VWNAOS555848.0001

237. VWNAOS555863

238. VWNAOS555864-

VWNAOS555864.0004

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244. VWNAOS555938

245. VWNAOS556042

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258. VWNAOS556784

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260. VWNAOS556786-

VWNAOS556786.0001

261. VWNAOS556940-

VWNAOS556940.0005

262. VWNAOS556942-

VWNAOS556942.0005

263. VWNAOS556972

264. VWNAOS556972

265. VWNAOS556989-

VWNAOS556989.0006

266. VWNAOS557041-

VWNAOS557041.0005

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VWNAOS557164.0002

269. VWNAOS557176-

VWNAOS557176.0002

270. VWNAOS557181-

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271. VWNAOS557186-

VWNAOS557186.0002

272. VWNAOS557208-

VWNAOS557208.0001

273. VWNAOS557214-

VWNAOS557214.0001

274. VWNAOS557236-

VWNAOS557236.0002

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276. VWNAOS557241-

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VWNAOS557246.0004

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283. VWNAOS557270

284. VWNAOS557270

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VWNAOS557409.0001

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308. VWNAOS557681-

VWNAOS557681.0002

309. VWNAOS557797

310. VWNAOS557799

311. VWNAOS558108-

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312. VWNAOS558154

313. VWNAOS558399

314. VWNAOS558440-

VWNAOS558440.0001

315. VWNAOS558969

316. VWNAOS559018

317. VWNAOS559352

318. VWNAOS559353

Plaintiffs informed Veolia of their formal challenge to these designations on August 25, 2023 via email.⁴

Veolia has not acknowledged the correspondence.

The subject documents do not contain confidential information under applicable law or pursuant to this Court's prior orders. Thus, because there is a profound public interest in the Flint Water Crisis and in this litigation (as Veolia and the Court have consistently stated); because the truth matters (as Veolia has vigorously and publicly argued);⁵ and in light of Veolia's significant public presence online and Veolia's continued public misinformation campaign,⁶ these documents must be de-designated as CONFIDENTIAL. Further, if any are made public, such would not cause oppression, competitive disadvantage, infringement of privacy rights established by statute or regulation, or infringement of confidentiality requirements established by statute or regulation with respect to government purchasing or other operations. Conversely, and perhaps most importantly, doing so might begin to level the playing field.

⁴ August 25, 2023 correspondence to Veolia (Challenge to Confidentiality Designations), attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein

⁵ See @VNAFlintFacts: Description of Twitter handle, attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.

⁶ See Declaration of Lauren H. Cohen, Ph.D., previously filed in Case No. 16-cv-10444 [ECF No. 2550], attached hereto as **Exhibit E** and incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.

Dated: September 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Corey Stern, hereby certify that on September 8, 2023 the foregoing document and the attached exhibits were served on all counsel of record via the court's ECF system.

/s/ Corey M. Stern
Corey M. Stern